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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2008, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 2 of this communication.

Amendments to the claims are reflected on the list of the claims which begins on page 3 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this communication.